



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	SB0124	<b>Title:</b>	Require certain boards to record and publish meetings in video or audio format
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Brown, Dee	<b>Status:</b>	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other TRS Pension Fund	\$1,175	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other MPERA Pension Fund	\$3,700	\$700	\$700	\$700
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other TRS Pension Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other MPERA Pension Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** This bill requires the Board of Investments, the Public Employees' Retirement Board, the Teachers' Retirement Board, the Board of Public Education, and the Board of Regents to record their public meetings in audio or video formats and publish the audio or video recordings on the internet or broadcast television within 24 hours, beginning July 1, 2015.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

#### **Board of Investments - Department of Commerce (DOC):**

1. It is assumed that any costs associated with the audio or video recording and posting on the internet of the Board's public meetings could be absorbed, provided the Board's 2017 biennium rates are approved as requested.

**Teachers' Retirement System Board (TRS)**

2. Any cost associated with video broadcasting or streaming of board meetings would be funded by the Legislative Branch via the State Government Broadcasting Account provided for in 5-11-1112, MCA.
3. TRS would purchase an 8 microphone conference recorder kit at a cost of \$1,175 in order to digitally record board meetings that are held in the TRS conference room.
4. TRS would store compressed audio files using existing data storage capabilities and would be able to post these audio minutes to the TRS website without additional resources.

**Public Employees' Retirement System Board**

5. MPERA is audio recording all PERB meetings and posting the recordings to the internet.
6. To comply with this bill would require the purchase of equipment in the amount of approximately \$3,000.
7. The video recordings would require the cost of additional space to post the recordings to the internet.
8. Each hour of meeting is approximately 1 GB.
9. MPERA estimates approximately 150 hours of meetings per year.
10. The estimated cost per year to have meetings available on the internet would be \$700.
11. MPERA generally publishes the current year and the past year on the MPERA website.

**Board of Public Education**

12. It is assumed that this bill will have no fiscal impact to the Board. If more than 2GB of space are used by SITSD to load the file to the server and link to Board website, a cost of \$30/GB may be necessary.

**Board of Regents**

13. There is no fiscal impact to the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents meetings held in March, May, September and November are broadcast via live video streaming on the internet while the meeting is taking place and then put on our website for viewing after the meeting. Audio recordings are made of the January meeting and other teleconference meetings that are held as necessary and the audio recordings could be placed on the MUS website for no additional cost.

	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700
Equipment	\$4,175	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,875</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$700</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - TRS Pension Fund	\$1,175	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - MPERA Pension Fun	\$3,700	\$700	\$700	\$700
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<b>\$4,875</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$700</b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - TRS Pension Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - MPERA Pension Fun	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - TRS Pension Fund	(\$1,175)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - MPERA Pension Fun	(\$3,700)	(\$700)	(\$700)	(\$700)

**Technical Notes:**

1. TRS board meetings are typically held on Fridays and they typically adjourn between 3PM and 5PM. It may be difficult to post audio or video minutes within 24 hours of completion of a board meeting without incurring additional administrative cost for overtime.

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